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Bi-Weekly Newsletter

SAYSO HAWK NEWS

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It's that time again. Today is officially our **5th annual** Silent Saturday! Silent Saturday is a day that focuses on the key elements of soccer for the kids, and has proven to be a day that players really enjoy. They get a distraction free field where they get to solely communicate with their team on their terms! It's also a day that many AYSO regions throughout the country have had great success with.

Silent Saturday aims:

- To reemphasize that the game is about letting the kids play and have fun.
- To give the players a chance to play totally on their own.
- To eliminate the verbal questioning of the referees' decisions.
- To help the few parents and coaches who feel they must provide constant direction, and to understand that the kids can play very well on their own with limited instruction.



Sometimes off the field we forget that the kids can get overwhelmed with well-wished support, and now's their chance to show us they know what's up! Each year AYSO Region 121 has held this day, positive feedback has come back, and the kids really have a chance to figure out all of their newfound soccer skills that they have been working on with their coach. Don't worry coaches; they'll do just fine!

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SAYSO Editor



MESSAGES FROM COACH ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINA BURG



Unfortunately, we are not seeing great participation from our assigned team volunteers. Do you know that many board members are on the fields as early as 6:00 a.m., and work through 2:00 p.m., and that having parent help during the day also means we can take a little break to watch our own children play (or coach them)? It takes significant effort to set up, take down, and run the day in between, and we really need help from our AYSO community. Please ensure that your assigned volunteer spots are adhered to, and that volunteers sign in at the board tent. Also, remember that an early morning or later day volunteer assignment doesn't replace the first and last game field work: each team with an 8:00 game needs to provide one volunteer to paint the lines on one-half of the field TWICE (we are painting for that day and to preserve the lines throughout the week for the next game), set up corner flags and goals (when applicable), and set out trash cans, just as each team with the last game needs to take down the flags, goals and cans.

ALLSTAR TRYOUTS...MORE TO COME

U10 and U12 tryouts will be held on Saturday 10/22 and Saturday 10/29, 2:00 - 3:30 each day (U14 coaches will observe players in games)

FOR MORE UPDATES:



RULES FOR SILENT SATURDAY

Spectators Please be advised that you may not make any verbal comments on the game or direct any comments to the players, referees or coaches - on or of the field. Clapping IS allowed! Be creative in how you choose to cheer your child's team - signs can be held up, bring a rally towel in the team's color and wave it wildly, there are lots of ways to cheer other than verbally.

Coaches You may not provide any direction - verbal or non-verbal - to players who are on the field. You may speak quietly to any players that are on the bench, but DO NOT give those players instructions to yell out to their teammates! Coaches may address the players at a normal tone before and after the game, during water breaks and during halftime.

Players You are encouraged to speak to each other on the field. You are free to support each other and provide direction to each other. Players on the bench may cheer freely in a positive manner, but may not provide instruction to those on the field.

Referees Referees have been instructed that if spectators and coaches are not following the rules, the referees are to stop the game and issue a warning. The referee will then have the option to give a second warning if the behavior continues, or to terminate the game.

Let's always encourage and support our players while they are learning and playing the game, but for this one Saturday, "Mums the Word!"



STANDINGS

Rank	Team	Win	Lose	Tie	Points
BU10					
1	4	4	0	0	20
2	5	3	1	0	18
3	7	3	1	0	15
4	6	3	1	0	14
5	12	3	0	1	12
5	2	2	1	1	12
6	1	1	3	0	11
7	10	2	2	0	9
8	3	0	3	1	6
8	11	0	3	1	6
9	8	1	3	0	5
10	9	0	4	0	4
GU10					
1	1	3	0	1	18
2	2	2	1	1	16
3	8	2	1	1	13
4	6	2	2	0	10
5	4	1	0	3	9
5	5	1	2	1	9
6	3	1	3	0	7
7	7	0	3	1	4
BU12					
1	5	4	0	0	16
2	2	3	1	0	14
3	1	2	2	0	9
4	3	1	3	0	6
4	6	1	3	0	6
5	4	1	3	0	4
GU12					
1	1	4	1	0	23
2	3	3	2	0	15
3	4	2	2	0	13
4	5	3	2	0	9
5	2	0	5	0	4

“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it.” – **Knute Rockne**

